

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Class Title: **WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE**

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Jurisdictional Class: **Competitive**  
Date Adopted: **4/21/69**  
Date Revised:  
Jurisdictions: **Villages**  
Union Status:  
Pay Grade:

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**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is a trainee position involving responsibility for learning the duties and routines in the operation and maintenance of a water treatment plant. The work is performed under immediate supervision of a qualified operator. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only)

Performs study and reading assignments, observes demonstrations and otherwise learns the techniques of operation and maintenance of a water treatment plant;  
Learns and assists in the operation and adjustment of pumps, valves, and related mechanical equipment;  
Learns and assists in the inspection, maintenance, and repair of pumps, valves, and related mechanical equipment;  
Learns and assists in the making of physical tests of water for alkalinity and residual chlorine;  
Learns and assists in regulating and adjusting chlorinators and other chemical feeders, washing filters and settling basins;  
Learns and assists in the preparation and maintenance of activity records and reports;  
Performs increasingly responsible duties as assigned in the operation and maintenance of a water treatment plant.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL**

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Familiarity with elementary principles of chemistry and general science; good general intelligence; good observation; mechanical aptitude; ability to learn principles and procedures relating to operation and maintenance of a water treatment plant; ability to develop skill in the operation and maintenance of pumps, valves, and related mechanical equipment; ability to get along well with others; ability to understand and follow oral and written instruction; industry and dependability; tact and courtesy.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State high school equivalency diploma.

**NOTE:** Term of appointment is limited to one (1) year, during which time employees should be required to satisfactorily complete the training and experience requirement of the New York State Sanitary Code for a certificate appropriate to the plant.